

07/28/03  
17199 U.S. PTO

## UTILITY

PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 0275M-000776

First Inventor Toru Kato, et al.

Title SELF-PIERCING RIVET

Express Mail Label No. EL 741 092 080 US

1410 U.S. PTO  
110/628857

07/28/03

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3.  Specification [Total Pages 17]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
 Descriptive title of the Invention  
 Cross References to Related Applications  
 Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
 Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix  
 Background of the Invention  
 Brief Summary of the Invention  
 Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
 Detailed Description  
 Claim(s)  
 Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 1 ]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ]  
 a.  Newly executed (original or copy)  
 b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
 (for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
 i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

## ADDRESS TO:

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)  
 a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
 b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
 i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
 ii.  paper  
 c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10.  37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)

11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
 (Should be specifically itemized)

15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
 (if foreign priority is claimed)

16.  Request and Non Publication under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

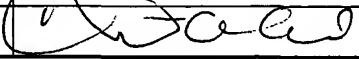
Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Group / Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

## 17. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Customer Number or Bar Code Label 27572 or  Correspondence address below  
 (Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here)

Name	Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.				
Address	P.O. Box 828				
City	Bloomfield Hills	State	MI	Zip Code	48303
Country	United States of America	Telephone	248-641-1600		Fax 248-641-0270

Name (Print/Type)	Christopher A. Eusebi	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	44,672
Signature			Date 